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Previously in Darkwing Duck...

Darkwing Duck, having witnessed the sudden disappearance of his sorceress girlfriend Morgana Macawber, devises a strategy to assemble a citywide search for his lost love, all the while keeping close vigilance over St. Canard's criminal population. That strategy: Darkwing Duck will run for mayor! The campaign trail was flawless until the "Terror That Flaps in the Night" was ambushed by new menace Cat-Tankerous in broad daylight! The battle was furious until the feline foe was defeated with the assistance of Launchpad McQuack, who has now entered the mayoral race himself at the behest of St. Canard's citizens!

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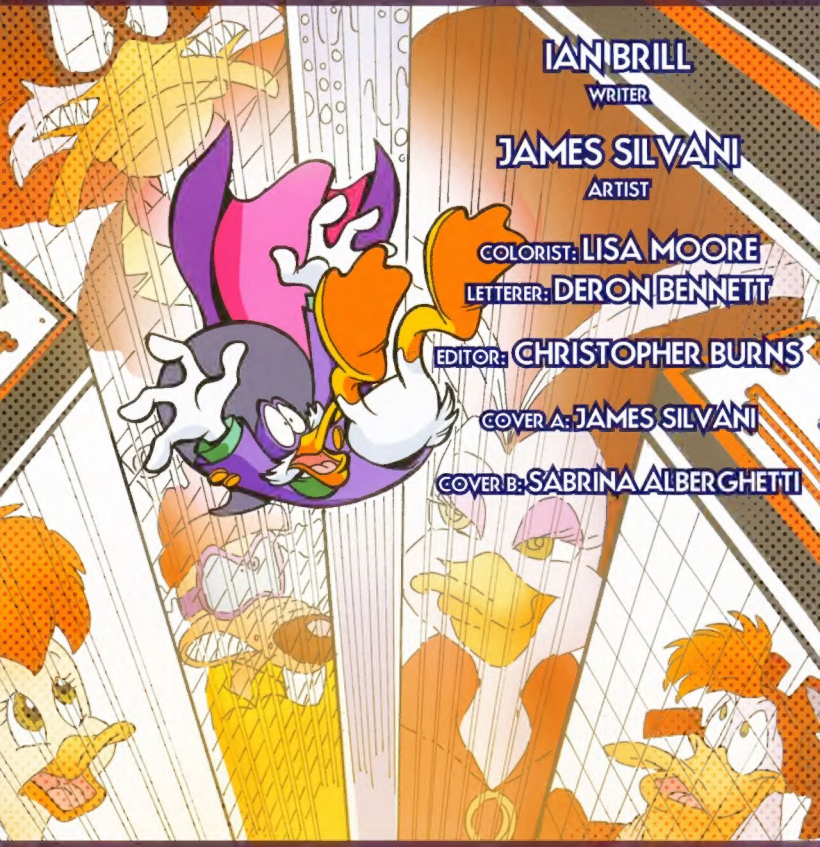

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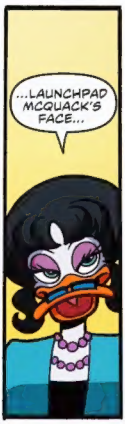
SO WE MEET AT LAST, *EAGLE EYE!* WELL, YOUR ICY-COLD GLARE DOESN'T SCARE--

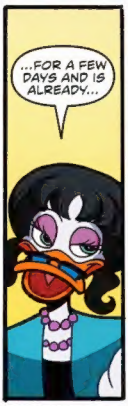
--*WHOA!* THAT WAS CLOSE...

EVERY CORNER I TURN...


...LAUNCHPAD MCQUACK'S FACE...

...IS EVERYWHERE!

HE'S ONLY BEEN CAMPAIGNING...


...FOR A FEW DAYS AND IS ALREADY...

...THE FRONT RUNNER!

BUT I'M NOT...
FLYING HIGH!
ST. CANTO
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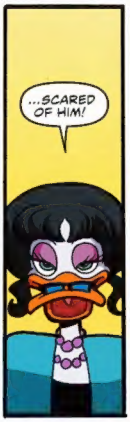

...SCARED OF HIM!

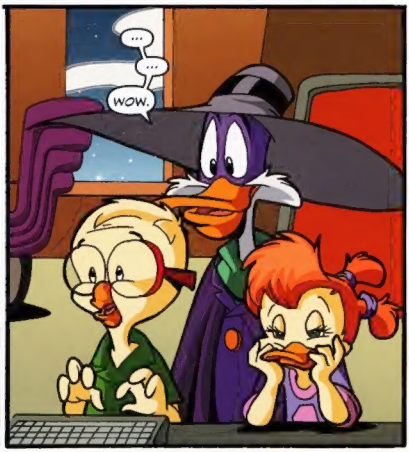
AFTER ALL, HE IS A FRIEND!
RIGHT?

LET'S JUST SAY, EAGLE EYE, YOU PICKED THE WRONG DAY TO MESS WITH ME!
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
CRUNCH
SPIKE?
WA-BAM!
HMM. BUSHROOT'S OLD PET.
THE PAST KEEPS CATCHING UP WITH ME...
BUT... WHY?

SOME FRIEND! HE KNOWS THE REASON WHY I'M RUNNING. THIS IS PART OF MY EVOLUTION AS A SUPERHERO!

HE SAYS HE'S ONLY RESPONDING TO WHAT THE CITY ASKS FOR. I GET THAT. BUT...WHAT ABOUT WHAT I ASK FOR?
A CLEAN AND EASY WIN!

DARKWING, UH...I THINK YOU BETTER LOOK AT THIS. I MIGHT HAVE DISCOVERED THE SECRET TO LAUNCHPAD'S SUCCESS.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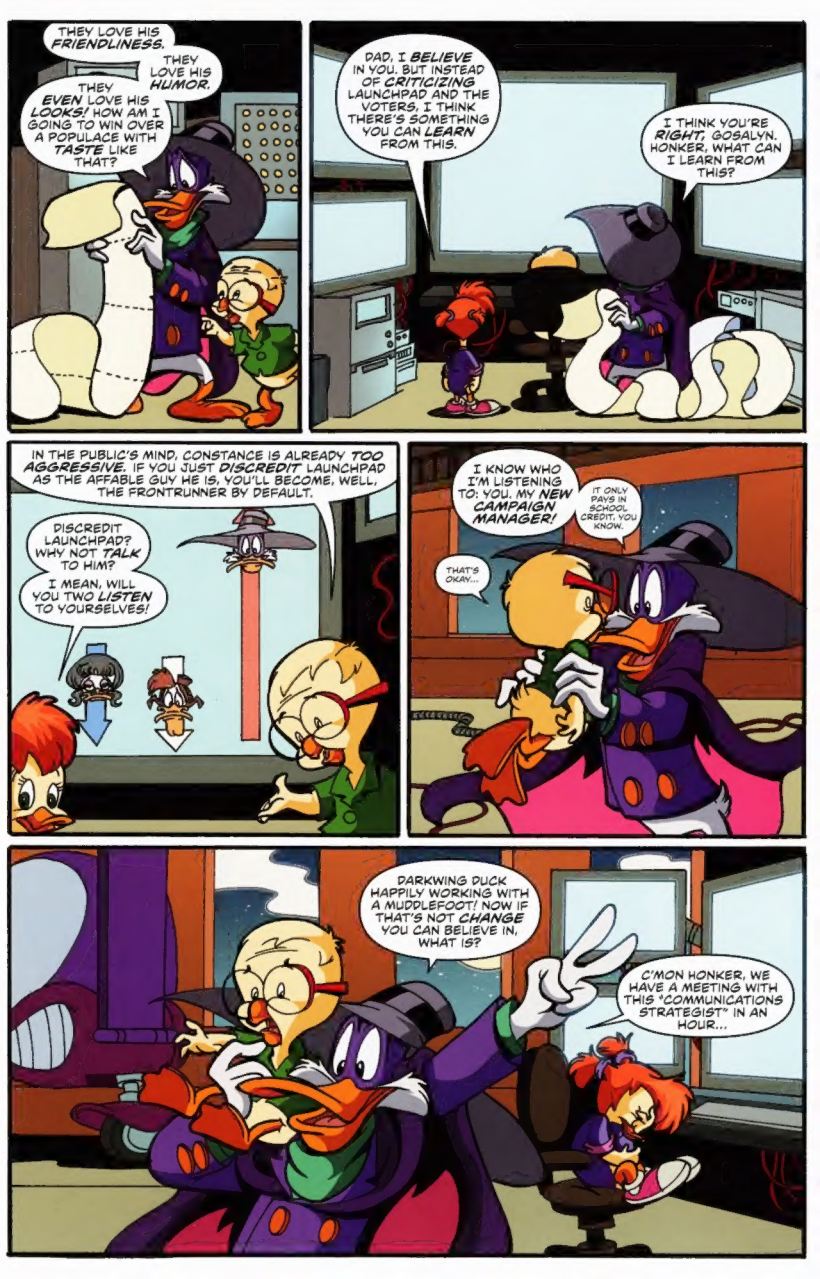
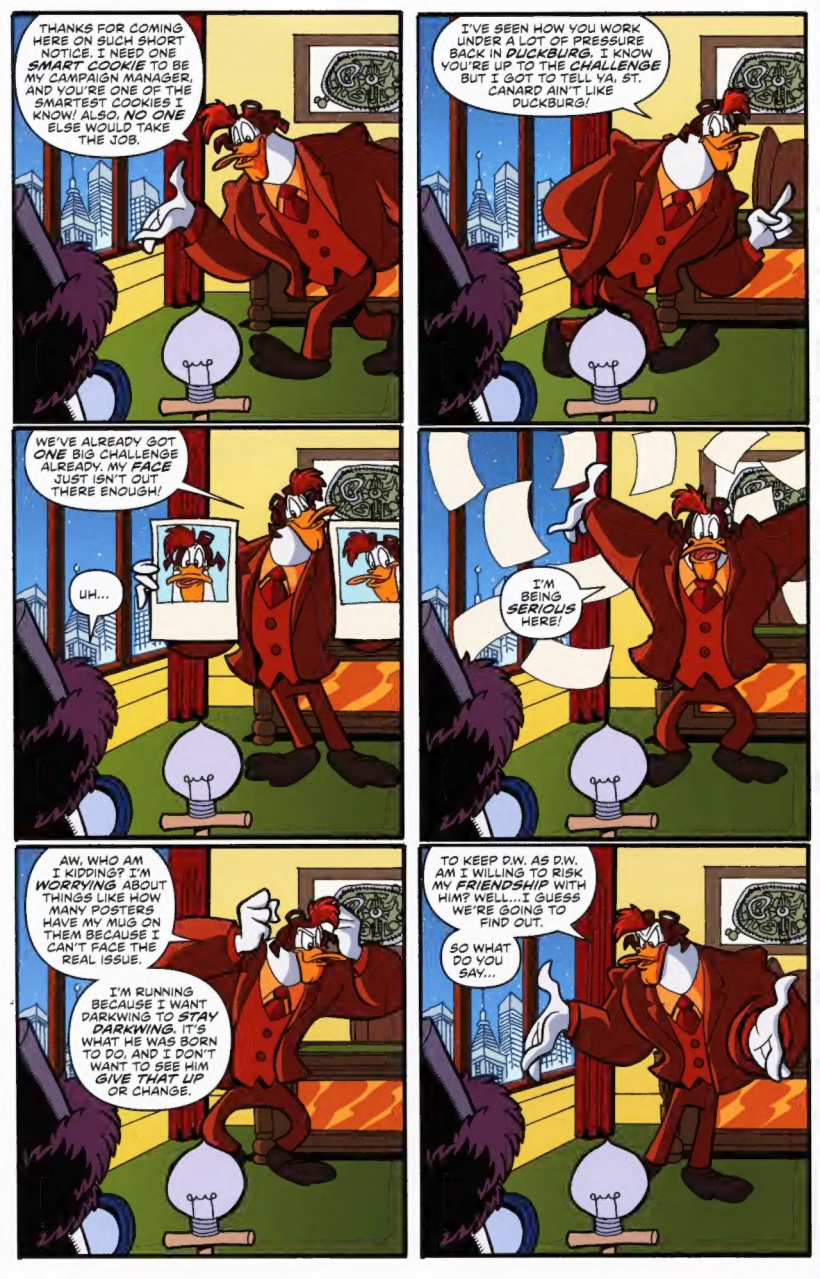

THEY LOVE HIS FRIENDLINESS.
THEY LOVE HIS HUMOR.
THEY EVEN LOVE HIS LOOKS! HOW AM I GOING TO WIN OVER A POPULACE WITH TASTE LIKE THAT?
DAD, I BELIEVE IN YOU. BUT INSTEAD OF CRITICIZING LAUNCHPAD AND THE VOTERS, I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN LEARN FROM THIS.
I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT, GOSALYN. HONKER, WHAT CAN I LEARN FROM THIS?
IN THE PUBLIC'S MIND, CONSTANCE IS ALREADY TOO AGGRESSIVE. IF YOU JUST DISCREDIT LAUNCHPAD AS THE AFFABLE GUY HE IS, YOU'LL BECOME, WELL, THE FRONTRUNNER BY DEFAULT.
DISCREDIT LAUNCHPAD? WHY NOT TALK TO HIM?
I MEAN, WILL YOU TWO LISTEN TO YOURSELVES!
I KNOW WHO I'M LISTENING TO: YOU. MY NEW CAMPAIGN MANAGER!
IT ONLY PAYS IN SCHOOL CREDIT, YOU KNOW.
THAT'S OKAY...
DARKWING DUCK HAPPILY WORKING WITH A MUDDLEFOOT! NOW IF THAT'S NOT CHANGE YOU CAN BELIEVE IN, WHAT IS?
C'MON HONKER, WE HAVE A MEETING WITH THIS "COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGIST" IN AN HOUR...


THANKS FOR COMING HERE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. I NEED ONE SMART COOKIE TO BE MY CAMPAIGN MANAGER, AND YOU'RE ONE OF THE SMARTEST COOKIES I KNOW! ALSO, NO ONE ELSE WOULD TAKE THE JOB.
I'VE SEEN HOW YOU WORK UNDER A LOT OF PRESSURE BACK IN DUCKBURG. I KNOW YOU'RE UP TO THE CHALLENGE BUT I GOT TO TELL YA, ST. CANARD AIN'T LIKE DUCKBURG!
WE'VE ALREADY GOT ONE BIG CHALLENGE ALREADY. MY FACE JUST ISN'T OUT THERE ENOUGH!
UH...
I'M BEING SERIOUS HERE!
AW, WHO AM I KIDDING? I'M WORRYING ABOUT THINGS LIKE HOW MANY POSTERS HAVE MY MUG ON THEM BECAUSE I CAN'T FACE THE REAL ISSUE.
I'M RUNNING BECAUSE I WANT DARKWING TO STAY DARKWING. IT'S WHAT HE WAS BORN TO DO, AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE HIM GIVE THAT UP OR CHANGE.
TO KEEP D.W. AS D.W. AM I WILLING TO RISK MY FRIENDSHIP WITH HIM? WELL...I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT.
SO WHAT DO YOU SAY...

...DOOFUS?
HEY, TAKE THAT LAMPSHADE OFF YOUR HEAD!
SORRY LAUNCHPAD. I JUST WANTED IT BRIGHTER IN HERE, THAT'S ALL.
THANKS FOR MAKING ME YOUR CAMPAIGN MANAGER, LAUNCHPAD! I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE HEADED FOR GREAT THINGS IN THIS LIFE.
MAYOR'S JUST THE FIRST STEP. HOW DO YOU LIKE THE SOUND OF...PRESIDENT LAUNCHPAD?
HEY NOW. LET'S NOT GET TOO AHEAD OF OURSELVES HERE. LET'S JUST WIN THIS ELECTION AND SEE WHERE WE GO FROM THERE.
I ACTUALLY HAVE A MEETING WITH SOME GUY THAT SAYS HE'S GOING TO HELP WITH OUR COMMUNICATION STRATEGY. I'D LOVE TO HAVE YOU COME ALONG.
SURE THING! THANKS...
...MR. MAYOR!

"BOB, THESE POLL NUMBERS ARE JUST OUTSTANDING!"

BUT YOU'RE STILL NOT IN THE LEAD.
I KNOW BOB, BUT NEITHER IS DARKWING!

IT'S FUNNY. SOMETIMES I THINK ABOUT HOW JUST A FEW MONTHS AGO I WAS THE SHYEST MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL. I WAS ON NOBODY'S RADAR.
THEN YOU CAME ALONG, BOB, AND AS SOON AS YOU HANDED ME YOUR BUSINESS CARD I HAD A NEW OUTLOOK ON LIFE. I KNOW HOW TO TRULY INTERACT WITH PEOPLE...FIND THEIR WEAKNESS AND OVERPOWER THEM!

WITH DARKWING IT'S EASY, BOB. YOU TELL PEOPLE THAT DARKWING IS THE CAUSE OF THESE NEW VILLAINS IN ST. CANARD ENOUGH TIMES AND PEOPLE START TO BELIEVE IT!

LAUNCHPAD MCQUACK MAY BE POPULAR NOW, BUT HE'S A FLASH IN THE PAN, BOB.
ONCE PEOPLE SEE THAT HE'S NOT EXACTLY THE BRIGHTEST BULB IN THE LAMPSHADE, HIS RATINGS WILL TAKE A NOSEDIVE.
SOMETHING HE KNOWS ALL ABOUT

ANYWAY, I KNOW YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE THESE CAMPAIGNS A LITTLE "HELP," RIGHT, BOB?
YES. I MET WITH LAUNCHPAD AND DARKWING DUCK UNDER AN ALIAS AS A COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT. I PICKED UP SOME IMPORTANT INFO. I ALSO MADE SURE THEY BOTH HAVE MY CARD.
BRILLIANT. YOU'RE SNEAKY, A LIAR AND A CHEAT. YOU'RE THE BEST CAMPAIGN MANAGER A GIRL CAN HAVE!
CONSTANCE, I AM HUMBLED. WHICH IS RARE, BELIEVE ME.

DARKWING DUCK
CRIME IS THE DISEASE AND HE JUST PUT ST. CANARD IN THE EMERGENCY ROOM
BROUGHT TO YOU BY CITIZENS FOR A NON-DARKWING SOCIETY
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THIS IS AN OUTRAGE!
"REPORTS SHOW THAT CITIZENS FOR A NON-DARKWING SOCIETY'S BIGGEST BENEFACTOR IS LAUNCHPAD MCQUACK." THAT TURNCOAT!

BUT DAD, THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU AND LAUNCHPAD TO SIT DOWN, ACTUALLY TALK THINGS OUT INSTEAD OF--
HE SHALL RUE THE DAY!

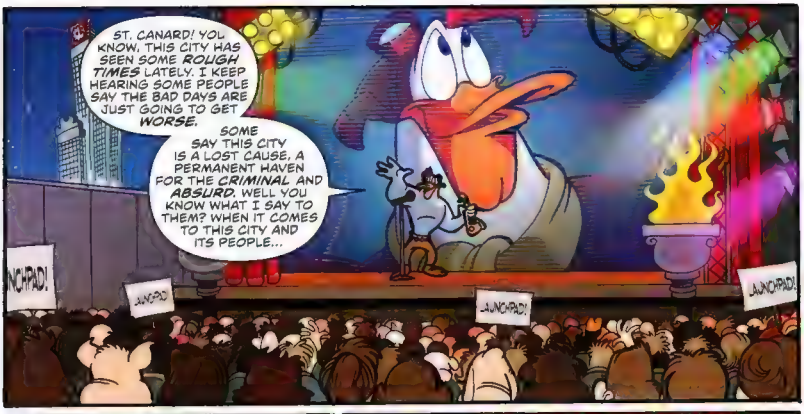
SPREAD ALL THE LIES YOU CAN. SLANDER ME ALL YOU WANT. THIS IS MY CITY, AND PRETTY SOON I'M GOING TO BE RUNNING IT!

HEY, YOU CAN'T FORGET THE REASON WHY YOU'RE RUNNING IN THE FIRST PLACE!

OF COURSE NOT...

POWER. CONTROL. SAFETY.

AS MAYOR I WILL USE *EVERY* METHOD AT MY DISPOSAL TO FIGHT MY WAR ON CRIME!


ST. CANARD! YOU KNOW, THIS CITY HAS SEEN SOME ROUGH TIMES LATELY. I KEEP HEARING SOME PEOPLE SAY THE BAD DAYS ARE JUST GOING TO GET WORSE.
SOME SAY THIS CITY IS A LOST CAUSE, A PERMANENT HAVEN FOR THE CRIMINAL AND ABSURD. WELL, YOU KNOW WHAT I SAY TO THEM? WHEN IT COMES TO THIS CITY AND ITS PEOPLE...
JUNCHPAD!
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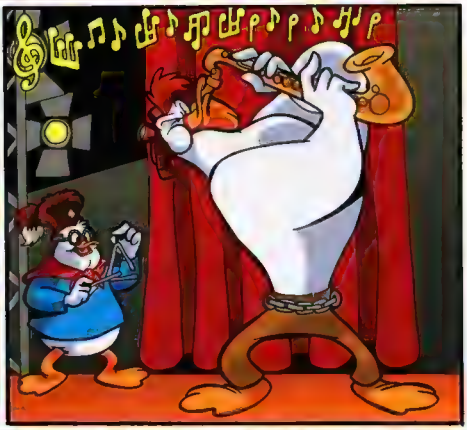
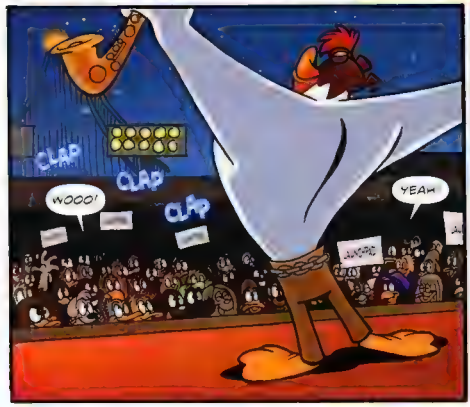
...I STILL BELIEVE!

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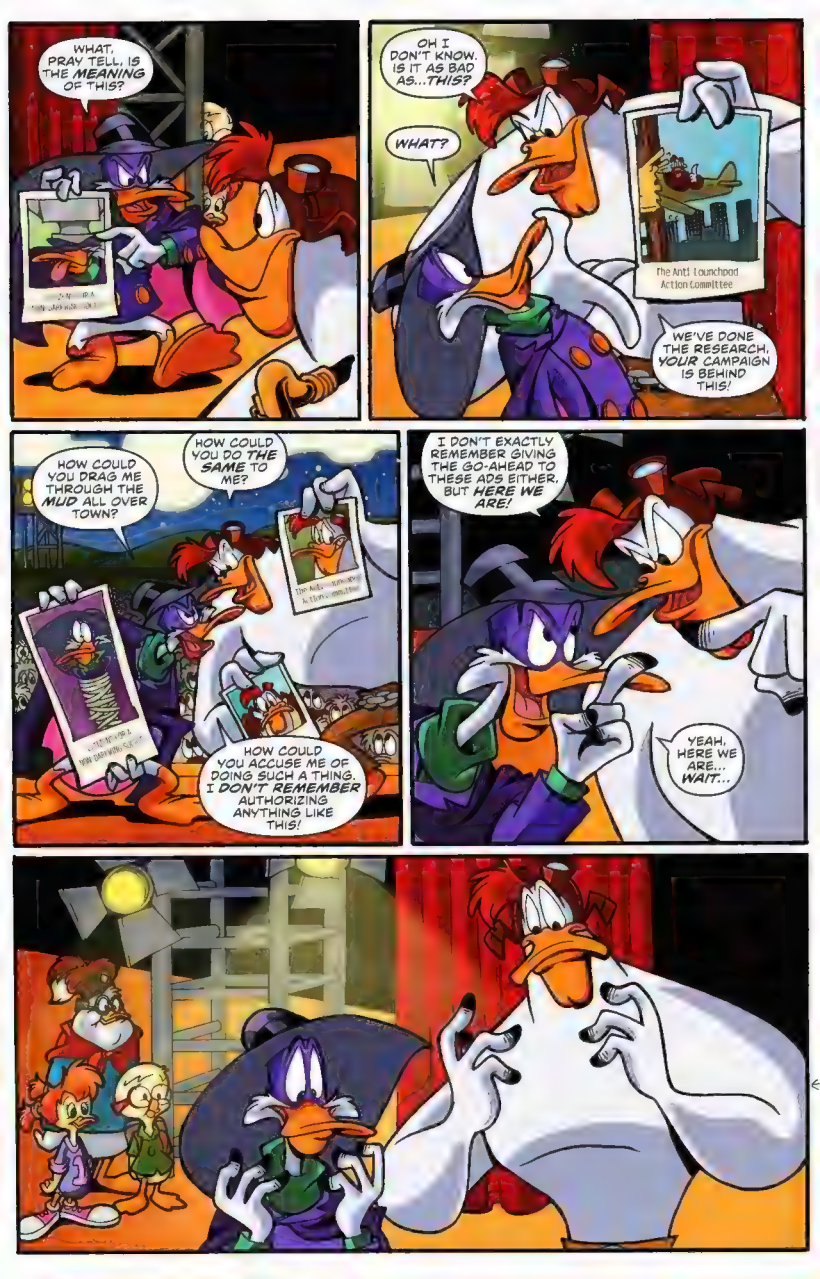
WOOO!
YEAH
JUNCHPAD

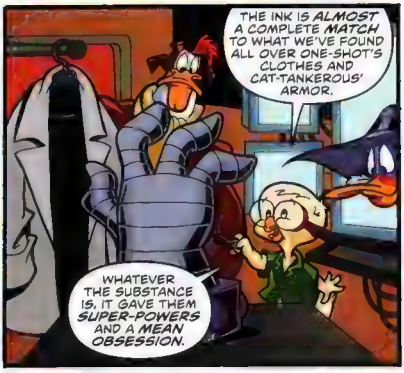
HEY, MR. CHAMPION OF THE PEOPLE!


WHAT, PRAY TELL, IS THE MEANING OF THIS?
OH I DON'T KNOW. IS IT AS BAD AS...THIS?
WHAT?
The Anti Launchpad Action Committee
WE'VE DONE THE RESEARCH, YOUR CAMPAIGN IS BEHIND THIS!
HOW COULD YOU DRAG ME THROUGH THE MUD ALL OVER TOWN?
HOW COULD YOU DO THE SAME TO ME?
HOW COULD YOU ACCUSE ME OF DOING SUCH A THING. I DON'T REMEMBER AUTHORIZING ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
I DON'T EXACTLY REMEMBER GIVING THE GO-AHEAD TO THESE ADS EITHER, BUT HERE WE ARE!
YEAH, HERE WE ARE... WAIT...

ALL RIGHT, WE'RE NICE AND SCRUBBED NOW. SO WHAT WAS THAT STUFF ON OUR HANDS?
GOSALYN AND I HAVE BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCH LATELY. THIS COULD BE ANOTHER CLUE WE NEED TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF... WHATEVER THIS IS.
MAY I ASK, WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU GOT THE INK ALL OVER YOU?

YEAH, 'CAUSE WE CHECKED THE POSTERS. THEY DON'T HAVE THEM!
DID YOU TOUCH ANYTHING FROM SOMEONE WHO WAS A BIT... SHADY?
CITIZENS FOR A NON-DARKWING SOCIETY

WELL THERE WAS THIS ONE GUY...


THE INK IS ALMOST A COMPLETE MATCH TO WHAT WE'VE FOUND ALL OVER ONE-SHOT'S CLOTHES AND CAT-TANKEROUS' ARMOR.
WHATEVER THE SUBSTANCE IS, IT GAVE THEM SUPER-POWERS AND A MEAN OBSESSION.

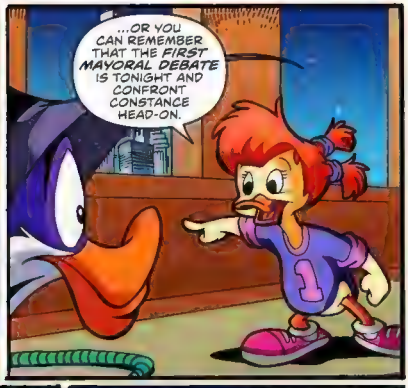
WHAT YOU GOT JUST GAVE YOU BOTH A MEAN OBSESSION...OVER EACH OTHER!
CAT-TANKEROUS AND ONE-SHOT WERE IN ALMOST DAZED AND DELUSIONAL STATES DURING THEIR RAMPAGES!
YOU GUYS WERE PROBABLY JUST AS BAD WHEN YOU PUT TOGETHER THOSE SMEAR CAMPAIGNS!

IF THIS THING SPREADS...

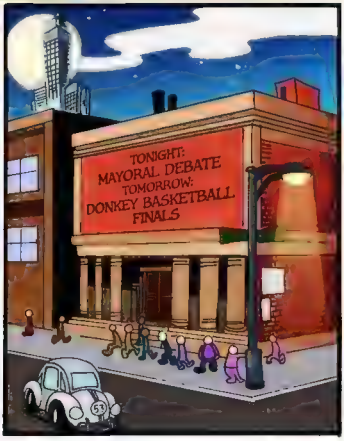
BUT IT WON'T, BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO FIND OUT THE CUNNING CULPRIT BEHIND THIS CONFUSION AND CHAOS!
NOW...WHO BENEFITS?

WITH DARKWING DUCK AND HIS FORMER FRIEND LAUNCHPAD MCQUACK BOTH MORE INTERESTED IN INSULTING EACH OTHER THAN OFFERING SOLUTIONS, IT'S CLEAR ST. CANARD IS THE LAST THING ON THEIR MINDS!
DARKWING DUCK and LAUNCHPAD MCQUACK

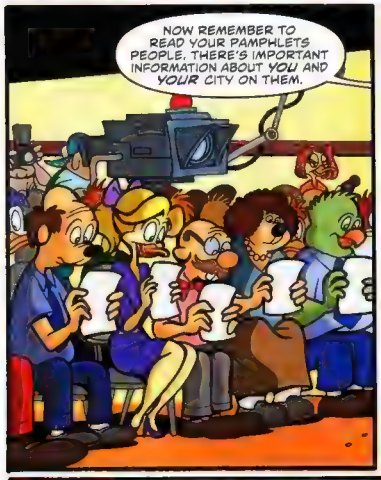
THAT'S GOT TO BE IT! WHY WOULD A SO-CALLED "COMMUNICATIONS EXPERT" BE VISITING BOTH OF US, GIVING US HIS DIRTY DOCUMENT OF IDENTIFICATION?
HE HAD TO BE ON CONSTANCE'S TEAM...
THINK WE SHOULD REPORT THIS TO STATE ELECTION COMMITTEE?
THAT'S RIGHT, WE'LL GO STRAIGHT TO THIS STATE'S CAPITAL, THE BEAUTIFUL CITY OF--
YOU COULD DO THAT...


...OR YOU CAN REMEMBER THAT THE FIRST MAYORAL DEBATE IS TONIGHT AND CONFRONT CONSTANCE HEAD-ON.

LET'S GET DANGEROUS!


TONIGHT: MAYORAL DEBATE
TOMORROW: DONKEY BASKETBALL FINALS

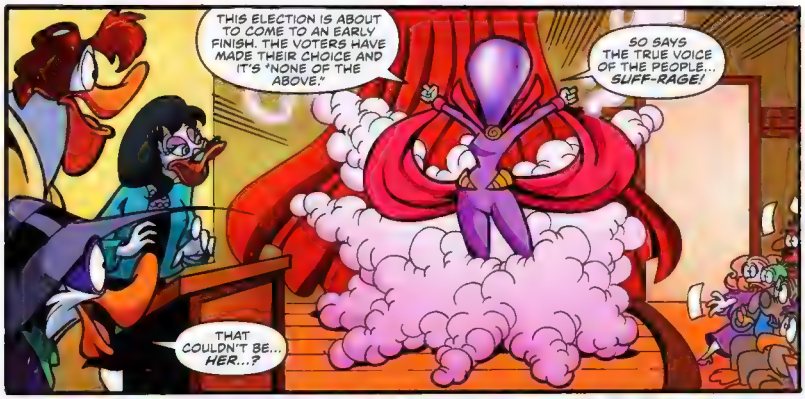
WELL, AS YOU CAN SEE, MY OPPONENTS ARE BOTH TOO BUSY FIGURING OUT NEW WAYS TO *RUIN THEIR FRIENDSHIP* THAN TO LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS CITY.


NOW REMEMBER TO READ YOUR PAMPHLETS PEOPLE. THERE'S IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT *YOU* AND *YOUR* CITY ON THEM.

A CITY THAT'S ABOUT TO SEE SOME BIG *CHANGES* PRETTY SOON.

SURE, BUT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE COMING FROM YOU!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THIS WOMAN IS A CHEATER, TAMPERER AND PROBABLY A HALF-DOZEN OTHER BAD "-ER" THINGS!

WHY, DARKWING! I'M *INSULTED*.
DON'T GIVE ME THE "NAIVE AND INNOCENT" ROUTINE.
HOW ABOUT A *WHOLE NEW* ROUTINE?


THIS ELECTION IS ABOUT TO COME TO AN EARLY FINISH. THE VOTERS HAVE MADE THEIR CHOICE AND IT'S "NONE OF THE ABOVE."
SO SAYS THE TRUE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE... SUFF-RAGE!
THAT COULDN'T BE... HER...?

WITH ALL THESE NEW FACES CAUSING TROUBLE IN THIS CITY, I THINK YOU FORGOT ABOUT AN IMPORTANT CONSTITUENCY. BUT THEY'RE HERE NOW TO VOICE THEIR CONCERNS!

GASP!

PREPARE YOURSELVES FOR...
THE LEAGUE OF BARELY-REMEMBERED SUPERVILLAINS!

WHUMP!

NOW THIS IS CAMPAIGNING I CAN GET BEHIND!

WHOA, NICE GATOR! YOU'RE JAMBALAYA JAKE'S RIGHT? US, UH, FELLOW SIDEKICKS SHOULDN'T FIGHT EACH OTHER YOU KNOW!

WHAT'S GOING ON?
YOU SHOULD KNOW, CONSTANCE.

BRACE YOURSELVES, EVILDOERS! I'M ABOUT TO GET RID OF YOU SOONER THAN I CAN RECALL ALL YOUR NAMES.
NOW, LET'S SEE...UH... THERE'S...

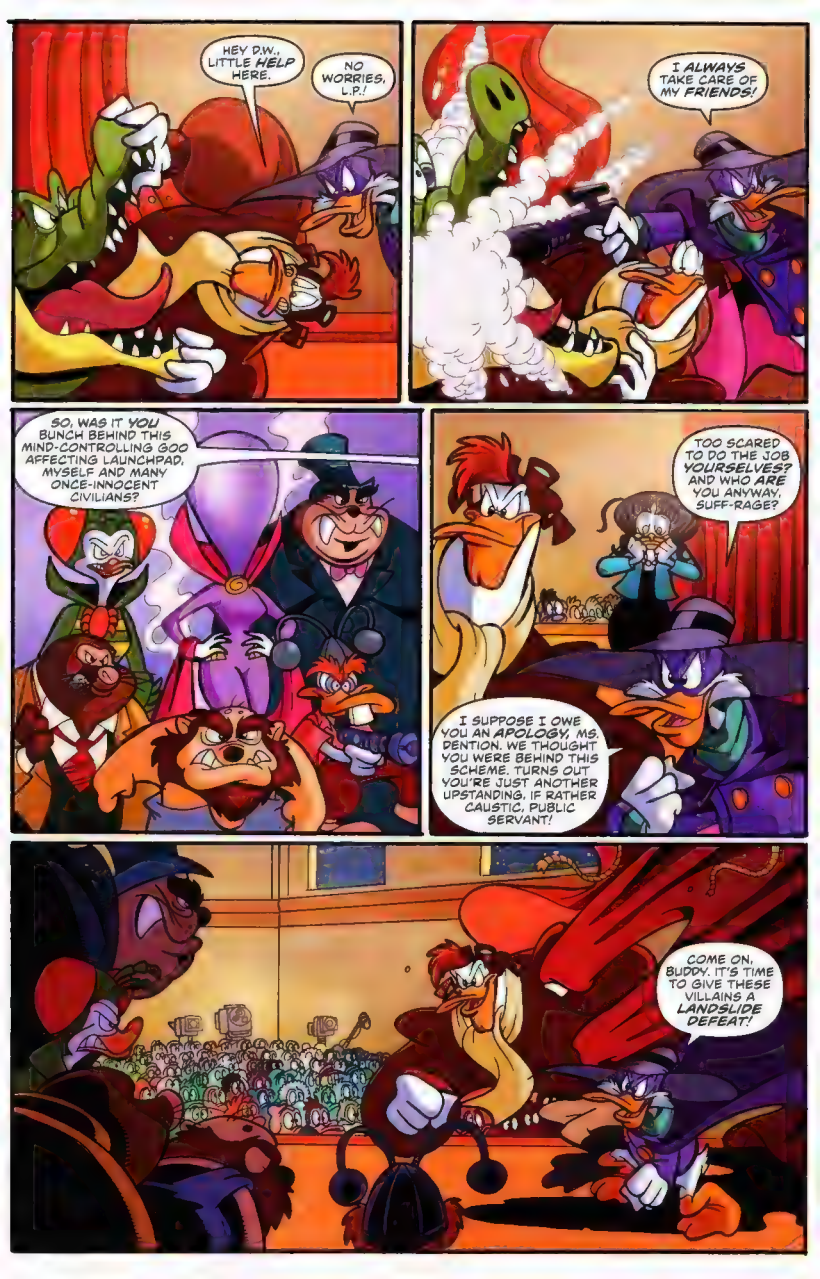
...LILLIPUT!

THE BUGMASTER!

PROFESSOR MOLIARTY!

JAMBALAYA JAKE!

AND... UM...
TUSKERNINI, YOU FOOL!
HEY, IT'S BEEN A WHILE!


HEY D.W., LITTLE HELP HERE.
NO WORRIES, L.P.!
I ALWAYS TAKE CARE OF MY FRIENDS!
SO, WAS IT YOU BUNCH BEHIND THIS MIND-CONTROLLING GOO AFFECTING LAUNCHPAD, MYSELF AND MANY ONCE-INNOCENT CIVILIANS?
TOO SCARED TO DO THE JOB YOURSELVES? AND WHO ARE YOU ANYWAY, SUFF-RAGE?
I SUPPOSE I OWE YOU AN APOLOGY, MS. DENTION. WE THOUGHT YOU WERE BEHIND THIS SCHEME. TURNS OUT YOU'RE JUST ANOTHER UPSTANDING, IF RATHER CAUSTIC, PUBLIC SERVANT!
COME ON, BUDDY. IT'S TIME TO GIVE THESE VILLAINS A LANDSLIDE DEFEAT!

THANK YOU!
THANK YOU...AND SORRY.
AND THAT IS *THAT!* WOULD IT BE TOO EASY TO SAY IT'S "CURTAINS" FOR THEM?
PROBABLY... BUT IT STILL SOUNDS COOL.
AN *EXCELLENT* PERFORMANCE! NOW LET'S SEE HOW YOU DO AGAINST ENEMIES THAT ARE NOT...
...*FIGMENTS OF YOUR IMAGINATION!*
REMEMBER YOUR VISIT FROM SPIKE, DARKWING? THAT WAS *ME*, A *TEST* TO SEE IF I COULD PROJECT VILLAINS FROM YOUR PAST. BUT THE TIME FOR SUCH *PARLOR TRICKS* HAS PASSED.

FORGET YOUR PETTY POLITICAL SQUABBLES. THE REAL POWER IS MAKING PEOPLE SEE WHAT IS NOT THERE. TURNING THEM INTO YOUR PUPPETS.
IT WORKS ON ANYONE, NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE I'M WORKING WITH.
YOU DID A BRILLIANT JOB FIGHTING ENEMIES THAT WEREN'T EVEN THERE.
BUT HOW WILL YOU FARE AGAINST NORMAL, EVERYDAY PEOPLE WHO ARE LITTERLY CONVINCED YOU AND YOUR FELLOW CANDIDATES MUST BE DESTROYED?
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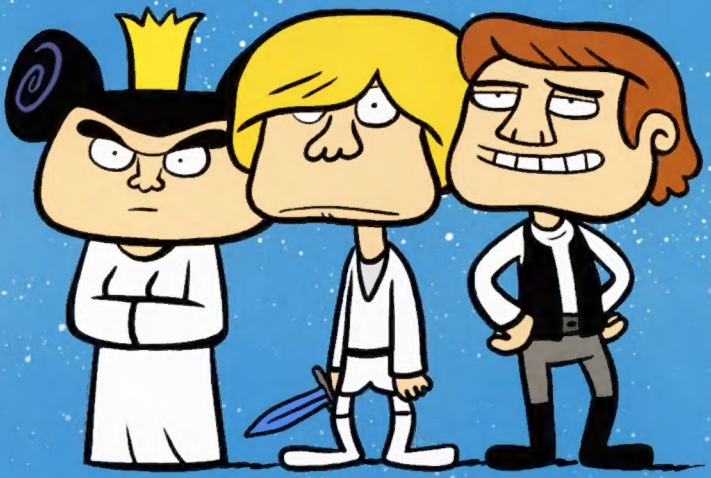

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